

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2227 without my signature.

While I support the Legislature's desire to increase and improve interpreter services, this bill would only duplicate an existing commission currently authorized by the Judicial Council. Rather than establishing a new Blue Ribbon Panel on Language Access in the courts, the Legislature should simply request that the Judicial Council use the existing Court Interpreter Advisory Panel to bring forth new recommendations that would improve overall services. If there are concerns over the composition of the existing advisory panel, the Judicial Council is currently authorized to make changes to membership. As a result this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger